

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 Claim 1. (*Amended*) An in-wall dryer vent for venting to another floor, comprising:

2 a tubular body having:

3 an upper portion including: and a lower portion;

4 said upper portion including a planar front wall having a circular opening defined therein,
5 at least two planar side walls, an arcuate a rear wall, a having an arcuate top end, and a bottom end, the
6 arcuate top end defining a curved surface extending from the front wall toward the bottom end of the rear
7 wall, and extending between the side walls,

8 wherein the front wall, rear wall and side walls defining define a rectangular conduit at the
9 having a rectangular open bottom end thereof, and a closed curved top, the rear wall curving forward and
10 joining the front wall at the top end, the upper portion having a width extending between the side walls and
11 a depth extending from the front wall to the back wall, the front wall having a circular opening defined
12 therein;

13 an annular flange projecting from the circular opening defined in the front wall of the upper
14 portion, the annular flange being adapted for attachment to a clothes dryer outlet;

15 at least one L-shaped mounting flange having a first portion having a first end and a second
16 end, the first end perpendicularly attached to, and extending outwardly from said front wall, the second end
17 perpendicularly attached to a second portion, the second portion extending parallel to said front wall, said

18 second portion of each said at least one L-shaped mounting flange having an aperture therein;
19 a said lower portion having a rectangular inlet joined to the rectangular open bottom end
20 of the upper portion and having a rectangular outlet end, the outlet end having a greater perimeter than the
21 inlet;
22 an annular flange projecting from the circular opening defined in the front wall of the upper
23 portion, the annular flange being adapted for attachment to a clothes dryer outlet; and
24 an outlet tube extending from the outlet end of the lower portion;
25 wherein said upper portion has a width and depth dimension and configured for disposing
26 the upper portion between adjacent studs of a wall, the lower portion being adapted for expanding cross-
27 sectional area of the tubular body on a side of a floor partition opposite the upper portion.

1 Claim 2. (Original) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, further comprising:

2 a mounting flange extending from the top end of said upper portion, the mounting flange being L-
3 shaped and having a first wall extending from said upper portion and a second wall normal to the first wall
4 and extending toward the back of the tubular body, the second wall being adapted for attachment to a
5 cross beam extending between the adjacent studs.

Claim 3. (Canceled)

1 Claim 4. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein said upper portion has a width
2 of less than sixteen inches and a depth of less than three and one-half inches, whereby said upper portion
3 is dimensioned and configured for being placed between two-by-four studs spaced sixteen inches on
4 center.

1 Claim 5. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein said upper portion and said
2 lower portion are constructed from metal.

1 Claim 6. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein said upper portion and said
2 lower portion are constructed from plastic.

1 Claim 7. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein said lower portion has a width
2 of less than sixteen inches, and has a depth of less than three and one-half inches at the inlet and at least
3 four inches at the outlet end.

1 Claim 8. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein said annular flange has a
2 diameter of about four inches.

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1 Claim 9. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein said outlet tube has a diameter
2 of about four inches, being adapted for attachment to dryer exhaust piping.

1 Claim 10. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein the lower portion as a bottom
2 wall normal to said outlet tube.

1 Claim 11. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein the lower portion has a bottom
2 wall sloping inward towards said outlet tube.

1 Claim 12. (*New*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein said at least one L-shaped
2 mounting flange includes a plurality of mounting flanges spaced equidistantly around said annular flange of
3 said front wall.

1 Claim 13. (*New*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 12, wherein said plurality of L-shaped
2 mounting flanges are four.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

A proposed drawing change is submitted herewith. Proposed changes are shown in red. The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 4 and 5. These sheets, which includes Figs. 4 and 5, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 4 and 5. In Figs. 4 and 5, previously omitted reference numeral --24A-- has been added.

Attachment:

Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes